

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 18, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore (C)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 199, 1/11/2007; HB 264,  
1/11/2007

Executive Action: HB 115; HB 226

**HEARING ON HB 199**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 199, Water-based recreational access donations/donor recognition.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:03 Joe Maurier, Administrator, Parks Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:19 Rep. Hilbert  
00:15:11 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
00:15:19 Rep. Peterson  
00:21:12 Rep. Becker  
00:21:56 Rep. Koopman  
00:23:56 Rep. Hilbert  
00:26:17 Rep. Vincent  
00:28:42 Rep. Groesbeck  
00:33:09 Rep. Peterson  
00:35:04 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:09 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 264**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:38 Rep. Ralph Heinert (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 264, Allow 2 fishing rods per boat angler statewide.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:22 Scott Chehock, Conservation Director, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:27 Larry Peterman, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:56 Rep. Groesbeck  
00:42:48 Rep. Peterson  
00:43:54 Rep. Hilbert  
00:44:31 Rep. Koopman  
00:45:21 Jim Kropp, Chief of Wildlife Enforcement, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks  
00:48:14 Rep. Milburn  
00:50:17 Rep. Hilbert  
00:50:29 Rep. Peterson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:28 Rep. Ralph Heinert  
00:51:58 Break  
01:06:47 Resume (Rep. Phillips did not return to hearing)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226**

01:07:42 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that HB 226 **DO PASS**.  
01:08:41 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that HB 226 **BE AMENDED**.  
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**Discussion:**

01:09:02 Rep. Koopman  
01:09:56 Rep. Peterson  
01:10:38 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division  
01:11:14 Rep. Ward  
01:12:03 Rep. Koopman  
01:13:02 **Vote:** **Motion carried 16-3** by voice vote with Reps. Becker, Branae, and Peterson voting no and Reps. Cordier, Phillips, Van Dyk and Dutton voting by proxy.

01:14:26 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that HB 226 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:39 Rep. Peterson

01:15:13 Rep. Ward

01:16:31 Rep. Driscoll

01:17:07 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 13-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Barrett, Jore, Koopman, Peterson, Vincent, and Ward voting no and Reps. Cordier, Phillips, Van Dyk and Dutton voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115**

01:19:33 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that HB 115 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:19:43 Rep. Ward

01:20:07 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Barrett voting no and Reps. Dutton, Cordier, Phillips and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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